

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* arr. Lanier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

People: Who is this?

Leader: So in worship, we respond. In worship we declare:

People: Jesus is the alpha and omega.

Leader: Jesus is our teacher and preacher.

People: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

One: Jesus is our source of love.

People: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

Leader: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout For Me* Larson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, on Sunday the city of Jerusalem cheered for you. They laid down their coats and palms for you. They shouted “Hosanna!” and called you king. But on Friday they abandoned you. On Friday they yelled “Crucify him!” On Friday, you were in the wilderness alone. God, we want to be Palm Sunday Christians, but we know all too well that we are also the Good Friday crowd. So today we ask for forgiveness. Forgive us for the moments when we deny you and your message of love. Forgive us for preventing the spread of the gospel. Forgive us for our sins. Amen.

Time for silent confession

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Pay Attention* Rev. Beth Newman

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our advocate who brings to us and through us the gift of God's peace.

CHORAL INVITATION *In Remembrance of Me* Red

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: May the God of Hosannas be with you.

People: May the God of this holy week be with you.

Leader: Lift your broken hearts to our God,

People: Who will fill them with hope in these days.

Leader: Remember to sing laments during this holy time,

People: We do so, that we may know the reason for glad songs of joy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* arr. Lanier

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 198 *Ride On! Ride on in Majesty* ST. DROSTANE

THE SENDING

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the love of God go with you from this place.

May your hours and days show forth His praise.

*POSTLUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Hayes

**Rise in body or spirit.*

Pastor: Rev. Beth Newman

Minister of Music: Rev. Rachel Lackey

Elder of the Month: Dan Manley

Guest Musician: Katherine Whitehouse

Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession by Sarah Are, A Sactified Art
Affirmation of Faith by Stephen Fearing
Cover Art: “The Way of Blessing Shall Become Our Own Way” by Jan Richardson

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook Live Stream.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS: Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for coffee and fellowship.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: Join with Presbyterians worldwide to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This donation will be taken up Easter Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: Service will be at 6:00 p.m. on April 6th.

EASTER LILIES: This is the last Sunday to order Easter Lilies. Forms are included in your bulletin. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can purchase one in memory or in honor of someone.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Good Friday, April 7th will be the Community Potluck Luncheon located in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. Please take a potluck dish or dessert to share by 11:20 a.m. The Community Lunch and Holy Week Devotion will begin at noon. Monetary donations are appreciated and go to the Transient Fund of the Swain Pastors Association.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th: The men will be cooking breakfast to be served at 9:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 and worship service at 11:00.

EASTER CROSS: The cross will be put up on Saturday the 8th so please bring your flowers to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday, April the 9th.

INSTALLATION SERVICE: On April 23rd, at the 11:00 service, a commission from The Presbytery of Western North Carolina will install Beth Newman as pastor of the Bryson City Presbyterian Church. Please plan to join us for this special occasion.

SAVE THE DATE: The Church Retreat at William Black Lodge will be August 25th through the 27th. More details will be forthcoming.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study - Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Back Porch Bible Study - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information call Martha at 770-851-6852.

Session Meeting - Session Meeting every fourth Sunday after worship.

Women's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Mountain Perks except for the second Thursday of each month when the location will be decided on.

Men's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Change Offering - Every second Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

Manna Community Market - Fourth Friday of every month in the First Baptist Church parking lot from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Food Pantry - Every Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and every Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Giving Spoon - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at BCPC

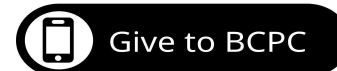
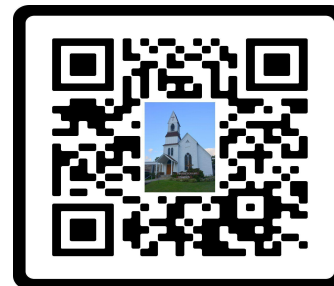
Good Friday Community Potluck & Worship

April 7 at noon at First Baptist Church

Easter Sunday at BCPC

Breakfast at 9:00 followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m.



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YTD Financials

Unrestricted Giving	\$40,940
Operating Expenses	\$35,598
Operating Excess/Deficit	\$ 5,342

BCPC Elders: Mark Brannon, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Martha Rich, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan, Sammi Birchfield

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Mission Statement of Bryson City Presbyterian Church

We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .

Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship

Learn together as we grow in discipleship and

Reach out in love.